

To whom it may concern,

I feel that in this day and age of digital communication, the CW requirement should be rescinded. The CW requirement has been abolished and left up to individual countries to remove or keep it. We have come a long way since the inception of radio communication and should update our license criteria to match current trends. I do not think that being able to send and receive CW makes anyone a better, responsible, more competent, or technologically smarter person. I have seen people that snubbed me because I don't "Do" CW. I am a courteous, considerate, and responsible operator, and do not use CW. I waited 25 years to move up the ranks because I had trouble with the CW. I am now a 5 WPM Extra class operator and use Phone to enjoy the hobby. It would be hard for any old-timer out there to know that I am a 5 WPM Extra by my operating habits, but would definitely change their mood if I told them. I have read letters in QST about this very issue. In closing, I feel the 5 WPM requirement should be removed as it has no bearing on the technical ability or courteous attitude of an individual operator. Thank you for reading my opinions.

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